

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2317 without my signature. As crafted, the bill is technically flawed. It will not result in an effective community awareness campaign because it establishes program parameters and a time frame that are not workable and lacks proper funding.

I commend efforts of high profile spokespersons, professional organizations and others who have done important and productive work to bring attention to this significant condition that afflicts so many new mothers. To improve access to this information, I have directed the CDHS to provide a link on their website to credible national professional organizations and to distribute materials developed by these organizations in trainings and through specific county Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger